

Federal support is crucial to public transit and allows transit authorities across the nation to continue to provide quality public transportation services to meet changing needs of transit passengers.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority is located at 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Project Name: Texas Wesleyan University, Rosedale Avenue Redevelopment Initiative Building Renovations—Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives—\$250,000

The purpose of this initiative is to fully renovate and revitalize a three-block area in an extremely economically devastated area that surrounds Texas Wesleyan University. Texas Wesleyan University has developed a comprehensive revitalization plan that includes replacing the current buildings on Rosedale Avenue in Fort Worth with attractive commercial buildings and open spaces that will enhance the appearance and improve the safety of this three-block and the Texas Wesleyan community. The City of Fort Worth has designated this area of the city as a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) that signifies the city's desire to encourage rehabilitation and economic growth. This request is the second phase of the Rosedale Plan which calls for renovation and reconstruction of the historic Dillow House, long a part of Texas Wesleyan life through its history as classrooms, housing, offices, and an alumni center. The University will use this facility as the permanent house for its Business Incubation Center sponsored and supported by its School of Business, and also as a meeting place for alumni and community. Additional funding will be used for student housing to be built along Rosedale, which will provide much needed housing for students and their families. Funding will also be used to create green spaces that will provide parks for the community and the University.

Texas Wesleyan University (TWU) is located at 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for three project funding requests that I made and were included within the text of H.R. 3298—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

#### PROJECT 1

Project: Tulsa Academic Center

Project Amount: \$350,000

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tulsa Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 3027 South New Haven Ave., Tulsa, OK 74114.

Description of Request: Tulsa Public Schools are twelfth in the nation in the highest percentage of students dropping out of high

school. The Tulsa Public Schools Academic Center, an alternative education school for secondary students, serves students' academic needs in an environment stressing self discipline and respect. The Tulsa Learning Academy serves as a drop-out recovery program for students who need a minimum number of credits to obtain their diploma and who may need to work while they attend school.

#### PROJECT 2

Project: University of Oklahoma—College of Medicine, Tulsa, OK, for Facilities and Equipment

Project Amount: \$300,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

Address of Requesting Entity: 4502 E 41st Street, Tulsa, OK 74135

Description of Request: Funding this project will help deliver healthcare services to a woefully underserved area. The lack of access to healthcare has resulted in significantly higher rates of chronic illness and disease and drastically lower life expectancy ranges. Investing in this clinic will help improve the lives and livelihoods of the residents and in turn promote a healthier workforce and economy in the region.

#### PROJECT 3

Project: Oklahoma State University—Center for Health Systems, Tulsa, OK, for purchase of equipment, including a mobile clinic

Project Amount: \$300,000

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107.

Description of Request: This project will achieve two goals: (1) expand and enhance the OSU Center for Health Science's health information technology system, including its telemedicine and distance learning as well as electronic medical records network, and (2) bring diagnostic and medical services to geographic regions in Oklahoma where even telemedicine is not yet feasible or reasonably located by use of a mobile clinic. The mobile clinics will be available to provide medical services in response to natural or manmade disasters.

#### KOREAN WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION ACT

#### SPEECH OF

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2009*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to recognize the past and present service of one of my constituents, Mr. James W. Shelmerdine, Jr., who served with great honor during the Korean War and continues to serve on behalf of Korean War veterans in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Shelmerdine deserves our recognition not only for his service to our country in Korea, but also for his leadership and volunteerism after the war. Mr. Shelmerdine commands a local chapter of the Korean War Vet-

erans Association and advocates tirelessly for Korean War veterans at the State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill, which houses some of the state's neediest veterans.

It is with great pride that I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing the courage and sacrifice of Korean War veterans like Mr. Shelmerdine and honoring them by designating July 27 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I fully support H.R. 2632, The Korean War Veterans Recognition Act; and, I commend Chairman RANGEL for his service, both in the Korean War and in the House of Representatives.

#### HONORING ISABEL P. RUIZ AND HER LIFE OF SERVICE

#### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true humanitarian. Isabel P. Ruiz passed away on July 2, 2009 after a life devoted to her family and community. She will be sorely missed by her husband Napoleon, her two children David and Diana, and all who knew her.

Isabel came to the United States from Peru, where she was born and completed her residency as an OB/GYN. In addition to her role as a mother and wife, Isabel served as director of EOC Health Services, clinic manager of Community Health Centers, social worker for the San Luis Obispo County Health Department and board member of French Hospital Medical Center, the American Cancer Society, the Latino Outreach Council and the Oceano Community Center.

Throughout her exemplary career, she developed a local medical clinic, established sex education and senior health screening programs, started free mammogram programs for uninsured women and organized community health fairs in San Luis Obispo County.

Her name lives on in the Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award, designed to recognize "... demonstrated selfless desire to help others, community leadership in the county, steady ongoing advocacy to create change and an ability to influence others to create change."

Serving tireless community advocates like Isabel in Congress is a great honor. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends during this difficult time.

#### JULY 25, 1995 MASSACRE IN ZEPA, BOSNIA

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, tomorrow, the international community will remember a tragic day in the genocide that ravaged Bosnia and Herzegovina between 1992 and 1995. For over three years, the town of Zepa, Bosnia remained under siege by the Republika Srpska, despite being named a safe haven for

Bosnians by the United Nations Security Council.

Over this period, innocent Zepa residents lived under constant threat, both of the near constant artillery fire and from the rampant starvation and disease that arose from squalid living conditions. Thousands lost their lives and countless others were injured during the three year siege until finally, on July 25, 1995, the town fell to paramilitary forces and the remaining residents were killed or forcefully expelled from their homes.

On this heartbreaking anniversary, it is clear that atrocities and genocide should never be permitted to continue unfettered. In remembering the innocent victims of Zepa, I believe that the United States, together with the United Nations and our allies around the world, must reaffirm its commitment to ceaselessly pursue the perpetrators of these terrible war crimes. The international community must come together to not only remember the innocent victims of this massacre, but to also redouble its pursuit of lasting peace and security in some of the world's most volatile regions.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. REICHERT. On Thursday, July 23, 2009, I intended to vote "nay" on rollcall vote No. 616 to enable the resolution to be considered on the House floor.

#### TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 23, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

This bill makes investments to improve transportation, housing, and critical national infrastructure, and, at least as critically, it is a jobs bill. H.R. 3288 builds on the work of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create jobs and bolster our flagging economy. Unemployment rates across the country are reaching record highs, with my state of North Carolina at an average of 11.1 percent. New construction and renovation in transportation infrastructure and housing initiatives can provide thousands of desperately needed jobs. Every \$1 billion of federal investments in highways creates an estimated 34,800 jobs.

This bill provides a substantial increase in funding to repair and expand our Nation's

aging infrastructure. Our transportation infrastructure provides the means to move goods and products; making it essential to the health of our larger economy as well as to the safety of every American traveler. H.R. 3288 provides \$41.1 billion to improve and repair our nation's highways, increases funding for the next generation of high speed rail, and includes \$3.5 billion for airport modernization and safety grants and \$2.9 billion to modernize the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control system.

H.R. 3288 also provides critical funding in the housing sector and invests in local communities, including those in rural America. Under this bill, there are more housing resources available for low income families, veterans, the elderly, and disabled individuals, including capital, operating funds, and counseling services. This bill also increases funding for Community Development Block Grants, HOPE VI grants, and brownfields redevelopment.

This appropriations bill fully funds our most important transportation and housing priorities. I support H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for its passage.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 Discovery Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$200,000 to assist in the building of a centralized multi-specialty children's health center in the Norfolk, Virginia area. Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Health System (CHKD) is the only freestanding children's hospital in the Commonwealth and the region's sole source of exclusively pediatric inpatient and outpatient care. As such, it furthers HRSA's mission of promoting access to vital health services. The current, scattered CHKD locations create access concerns due to the fragmentation of the services. CHKD will build a permanent home in Chesapeake to house outpatient services, and the center will serve the growing pediatric population and expansive geography that are the hallmarks of the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopewell, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia 23860 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$257,000 to consolidate multiple city social services agencies into one building to reduce costs.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—Substance Abuse Treatment

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 9901 Lori Road, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$143,000 to support the Dual Treatment Track (DTT), which is a pretrial diversion program for non-violent defendants that suffer from both a mental illness and substance abuse addiction (federally defined as a vulnerable population). The program uses "best practice" models to divert individuals from the local jail who are of minimal threat to the community, yet in serious need of both substance abuse and mental health services. The DTT program provides benefits for everyone involved in the criminal justice and mental health systems. It reduces the burden of specialized care that the jail is forced to provide. It gives the court a new tool in dealing with a population that is traditionally difficult to effectively sentence.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chesapeake, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 306 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$250,000 to create a community service model for increasing citizen accessibility to workforce training and education resources. This initiative would form a partnership with Chesapeake Library, Economic Development, and Social Services, Tidewater Community College, Opportunity, Inc., and Chesapeake Adult Continuing Education to provide training and education resources to citizens in an effort to help them secure employment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 24, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 22 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 616, on the Motion to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 617, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 669, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 618, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 566, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 619, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 350, I would have voted "yea."